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1. WE BELIEVE THAT A USEFUL WAY TO PROCEED REGARDING THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 103(D)(3) OF THE PL 480 ACT WOULD BE TO ADVISE PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS OF ITS PROVISIONS IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF YOUR NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEW AGREEMENT. IN DOING SO, YOU MIGHT STATE THAT SHOULD TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH VIETNAM DEVELOP FOLLOWING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DELEGATION'S FEBRUARY VISIT TO HANOI IT MIGHT CREATE A SITUATION IN WHICH A PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER WOULD BE NECESSARY IF FUTURE TITLE I PL 480 SALES AGREEMENTS WERE TO BE MADE. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE HELPFUL IF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT COULD KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO THE PRECISE NATURE OF SUCH TRADE IF IN FACT IT SHOULD DEVELOP.

2. IN A 1966 OPINION OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE VIEW WAS EXPRESSED THAT A PROHIBITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1967 WHICH CONTAINED A PROVISION SIMILAR TO SECTION 103(D)(3), PROHIBITING THE USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE SALE OF PL 480 COMMODITIES"... TO ANY NATION WHICH SELLS OR FURNISHES OR WHICH PERMITS

SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT UNDER ITS REGISTRY TO TRANSPORT TO NORTH VIETNAM ANY EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS OR COMMODITIES . . . "
SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS BEING APPLICABLE ONLY TO THOSE CASES WHERE THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY SELLS OR FURNISHES PRODUCTS TO NORTH VIETNAM. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THE JUSTIC DEPARTMENT'S VIEW IN THIS REGARD.

3. CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEW SET FORTH ABOVE, DECISIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT WAIVERS ARE NECESSARY ARE MADE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS INCLUDING THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A PARTICULAR FOREIGN SALE IS TO BE CONSIDERED GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 103(D)(3). (THERE IS ALSO, OF COURSE, THE PROVISION REGARDING SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT MENTIONED IN REF B). SHOULD TRADE DEVELOP WE WILL NEED TO EXAMINE THE PERTINENT FACTS AND MAKE A DECISION AT THE TIME REGARDING THE NECESSITY FOR A WAIVER. THIS BEING THE CASE, SHOULD PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS ASK YOU ABOUT THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTION 103(D)(3), YOU MIGHT CONFINE YOUR REPLY TO STATING THAT THE USG EXAMINES EACH CASE OF SUCH TRADE SEPARATELY AS TO THE NECESSITY OF OBTAINING A WAIVER.

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4. A COPY OF THE PL 480 ACT AS AMENDED IS BEING POUCHED TO YOU.

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